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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: ICE TRANSITING
(05.0502)

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1. PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR RAMUNDO/AYKAZYAN LETTER CONTAINED PARA. 3 REFTEL SHOULD BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

-- AS YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADVISED BY OUR EMBASSY, DOT
-- HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND AN ICE TRANSITING DELEGATION
-- TO THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE
-- INADEQUACY OF THE PROPOSED VISIT. WE ARE ESPECIALLY
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-- DISSATISFIED WITH SCST'S FAILURE TO MEET THE PROGRAM
-- COMMITMENT GIVEN BY SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN ALEKSENKO TO
-- SCIENCE COUNSELOR GREENBERG LAST DECEMBER. THE
-- HANDLING OF THE VISIT PROGRAM BY SCST HAS CONVINCED
-- US THAT THE SOVIET SIDE IS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT
-- COOPERATION IN ICE TRANSITING AND, THEREFORE, WE CON-
-- sider FURTHER EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD A WASTE OF TIME.

-- ACCORDINGLY, DOT HAS DECIDED TO TERMINATE FURTHER
-- COOPERATION IN THE MARINE AREA. WE TAKE THIS SERIOUS
-- STEP BECAUSE WE CAN NO LONGER COUNTENANCE THE
-- IMBALANCE IN BENEFITS WHICH HAS BEEN A FEATURE OF THE

-- COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN THIS AREA. THE FAILURE
-- OF THE SOVIET SIDE TO REDRESS THIS IMBALANCE IS A DE-
-- PARTURE FROM THE AGREEMENT PRINCIPLE OF MUTUALITY OF
-- BENEFIT WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL
-- COOPERATIVE EFFORT. WE ARE NOW REVIEWING ALL THE
-- OTHER COOPERATIVE PROJECTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT TO
-- SEE WHERE THERE MAY BE OTHER SHORTFALLS IN
-- OBSERVANCE OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT PRINCIPLE. IN VIEW
-- OF THIS REVIEW, I CANNOT RESPOND TO VALENTIN'S
-- RECENT TELEX CONCERNING AN EARLY MEETING TO DISCUSS
-- AN EXTENSION OF THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. AS SOON
-- AS THIS REVIEW IS COMPLETED, I WILL RESPOND TO THE
-- TELEX THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY.

-- ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, I AM QUITE DISAPPOINTED WITH
-- WAY THE STATE COMMITTEE HAS HANDLED THE NEGOTIATION
-- OF THE ICE TRANSITING VISIT, BEGINNING WITH OUR
-- DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW LAST SEPTEMBER. I AM NOT AS
-- CONFIDENT AS I ONCE WAS CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF THE
-- DOT-SCST RELATIONSHIP TO RESOLVE DIFFICULT ISSUES
-- UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, IN
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-- CONDUCTING OUR REVIEW HERE WE WILL ALSO BE
-- INFLUENCED BY THE QUALITY OF THE UNDERLYING
-- RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COOPERATING U.S. AND SOVIET
-- ENTITIES SO AS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SITUATIONS
-- WHERE WE MIGHT HAVE TO TURN TO SCST TO INTERVENE
-- WHEN DIFFICULTIES ARISE. BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW
-- YEAR.

2. DAVENPORT WILL RESPOND TO ALEKSENKO LETTER AFTER
FOREGOING HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO REINFORCE POINT MADE IN
STATE'S 036246 THAT BOTH SCICOUN AND RAMUNDO SPEAK ON
BEHALF OF DAVENPORT AND PRESENT COORDINATED U.S. POSITION.
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